

The American members of the commission are: Dr. G. F. Warren, professor of agricultural economics and farm management, Cornell University, *chairman*; C. E. Gray, president, Golden State Milk Products Company, San Francisco; Dr. N. W. Hepburn, manager, Peoria Creamery Company, Peoria, Ill.; J. Clyde Marquis, economist in charge of economic information in the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics; Dr. F. B. Morrison, director, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y.; Dean H. W. Mumford, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois; Dr. F. A. Pearson, professor of prices and statistics, Cornell University; Dr. H. A. Ross, professor of marketing, Cornell University; Dr. Otto Rahn, professor of dairy bacteriology, Cornell University, and I. C. Weld, production manager, Chestnut Farms Dairy, Washington, D. C. The commission planned to begin its work at Berlin about July 15.

THE scientific work of Commander Richard E. Byrd's forthcoming expedition to the Antarctic is to be under the auspices of the American Museum of Natural History. A special room has been set aside in the school service building as scientific headquarters of the expedition, and experts of the museum staff will assist Commander Byrd and his staff in outlining a program of scientific activities. Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn gave a luncheon at the museum on June 4 in honor of Commander Byrd.

THE investigational work on board the non-magnetic yacht *Carnegie*, which left Washington, D. C., on May 1, on her seventh cruise planned to last three years, is progressing satisfactorily. Besides observations in terrestrial magnetism and atmospheric electricity, researches in physical oceanography, marine biology, radiotelegraphy and meteorology are being conducted. The vessel arrived at Plymouth, England, her first port of call, June 8, having been delayed by head-winds. Leaving Plymouth June 18, she reached Hamburg, Germany, June 22. She sailed from the latter port for Reykjavik, Iceland, July 7. A warm welcome was accorded the vessel and party both by English and German scientists. At Hamburg additional meteorological and oceanographic equipment was installed, and many constructive suggestions were made as the result of the recent *Meteor* expedition. Dr. H. U. Sverdrup, research associate of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, inspected the vessel and assisted in scientific installations at Hamburg.

ON July 4, 1928, a monument was dedicated at Kenton, Oklahoma, marking the high point of the state. This monument, five feet in height, built of native basaltic lava and capped with an 18-inch cube of granite from the Wichita Mountains, is situated on Black Mesa near the northwest corner of the State

of Oklahoma. Black Mesa is a table-land composed of volcanic rock which transgresses three miles into Oklahoma from New Mexico. The elevation as determined by surveyors of the topographic branch of the U. S. Geological Survey is 4,978 feet. Representatives were present at the dedication from the four states which corner near Black Mesa, namely, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. The dedication was in charge of Chas. N. Gould, state geologist of Oklahoma.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE University of Chicago will receive a bequest of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 by the will of the late Adolph J. Lichstern, of Chicago.

A GIFT of \$10,000 has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft to the graduate school of arts and sciences in the University of Cincinnati.

IT is announced that a resident in Chicago has offered £10,000 to Queens University, Ontario, Canada, to found a chair of preventive medicine and public health.

PROFESSOR J. H. VAN VLECK, of the University of Minnesota, has accepted the professorship of theoretical physics at the University of Wisconsin and will begin his work there in September of the present year.

PROFESSOR HERBERT WOODROW, head of the department of psychology at the University of Oklahoma, has been appointed professor and head of the department of psychology of the University of Illinois to succeed Professor Madison Bentley.

DR. B. O. KOOPMAN, of Columbia University, has been promoted to a full professorship of mathematics.

AT Williams College, James B. Brissmade, assistant professor of physics, and Elbert C. Cole, assistant professor of biology, have been advanced to the rank of associate professor in their respective departments.

C. M. SUTER, research associate at Yale University; R. K. Summerbell, of the Ohio State University; J. G. Aston, research assistant at Harvard University, and R. B. Reynolds, of the University of Wisconsin, have been appointed to the chemistry staff of Northwestern University.

DR. JOHN G. SINCLAIR, of the department of anatomy in the University of Wisconsin Medical School, has been appointed associate professor of embryology and histology at the University of Texas School of Medicine.

PROFESSOR E. N. DA COSTA ANDRADE, professor of physics at the Royal Military College, Woolwich, has been appointed by the University of London to the Quain chair of physics, tenable at University College.